irrigation system was handed over to Government? Was he not a Maistry from the very beginning of the irrigation system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not know.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I know.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Then there is no necessity to ask that question.

President.—You should not think that the Chief Engineer has accepted your knowledge.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have these Maistries to do any spade work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Their duty is to inspect the canals, to see to the distribution of water and at times spade work also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have they to do spade work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, sometimes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—My information is that they have to get such work done by some other persons.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They do it sometimes themselves. I do it sometimes.

Supply of water in Chittur.

290. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what all steps the Government have taken or proposed to take for the continuous supply of water for purposes of irrigation in Chittur ;

(b) whether it is the expert opinion that Chittur river is incapable of supplying water for irrigation throughout the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b). The Chittur river unaugmented by storage is incapable of supplying water to the existing ayacut throughout the year. In years of comparatively low rainfall, the river is incapable of supplying water to the ayacut even during the cultivation season. Storage reservoir sites have to be examined and Government are taking action in this direction.

Murder Cases.

291. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many cases of murder have been reported to the Police in the years 1101, 1102 and 1103 and the names of the Police Stations, within the jurisdiction of which they have taken place ;

(b) of these how many were charged by the Police and how many ended in (i) conviction and (ii) acquittal ;

(c) how were the cases not charged by the Police disposed of and what are those cases and why were no charges laid in these cases ?

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